

# **AUTOPSY REPORT**

Case Number:

October 4, 2017

### POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

Date of Pronounced Death: October 1, 2017
Date of Postmortem Examination: October 4, 2017

### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body was received sealed with a seal number with the identification tag. The body was that of a normally developed and nourished, male, appearing about the recorded age of years. The body measured 67 inches in length and weighed 182 pounds. Rigor mortis had passed, Livor mortis was present posteriorly and fixed. Clothing was consisted of underwear. The head was normocephalic and the scalp hair was brown. The eyes had white sclerae, pale conjunctivae, and brown The dentition was natural. No lesions of the oral mucosa were identified. There were no masses discernable in the neck and the larynx was in the midline. The abdomen was flat. There was a hyperpigmented dermal patch on the lateral left thigh. The external genitalia were those of a normal adult circumcised male. There were scars on the left wrist and hand. A hospital identification band and plastic bracelet were around the right wrist as well as another plastic bracelet encircled the left wrist.

### EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:

There were endotracheal tube, needle puncture marks on the posterior left hand, dorsal surface of the left foot, needle decompression mark on the right and left upper chests, and defibrillator and electrocardiograph pads were present.



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#### EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

### PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE LEFT BACK:

There was a 0.3 cm x 0.3 cm entrance gunshot wound on the back, 13 inches below the top of the head and 5 inches left of the posterior midline. There was no soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the soft tissue of the back, posterior left fourth rib, left lung, heart, right lung, soft tissue of the right lateral chest wall where a deformed jacketed bullet with an overlying pink contusion was recovered, 17-3/4 inches below the top of the head and 7-1/2 inches right of the anterior midline. Associated injuries included hemorrhage along the wound path and bilateral hemothoraces of at least 20 mL in the right pleural cavity and 15 mL in the left pleural cavity. The wound track was from back to front, left to right and downward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position.

### Additional injuries:

There was a % inch x % inch abrasion on the right side of the head. There was a 1 inch x 1 inch contused abrasions on the medial surface of the proximal left thigh. There was a 1 inch x 1 inch pale green contusion on the anterior distal left thigh.

### SPECIMEN RETAINED: None

#### RADIOGRAPHS:

Anterior postmortem radiographs together encompassing the head, torso and extremities were taken and findings were included in the evidence of injury.



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#### FINAL DIAGNOSES

- 1. Penetrating gunshot wound to the left back
- Abrasions on the right side of the head and medial surface of the proximal left thigh
- 3. Contusion on the anterior distal left thigh

#### OPINION:

It is my opinion that death was caused by gunshot wound to the left back sustained during mass fatality incident.

### PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE LEFT BACK:

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the left upper back. There was no evidence of close range of firing noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the soft tissue of the back, posterior left fourth rib, left lung, heart, right lung, soft tissue of the right lateral chest wall along the mid-axillary line where a deformed jacketed bullet with an overlying pink contusion was recovered. Associated injuries included hemorrhage along the wound path and bilateral hemothoraces. The wound track was from back to front, left to right and downward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position.

Additional injuries included abrasion on the right temple of the head, and abrasion and contusion on the left thigh.

Postmortem toxicology report revealed blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.186 g/100mL.



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CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound to the left back.

MANNER: HOMICIDE

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